प्रश्नोत्तरी को किस भाषा में चलाया जाए ।

(ii) इस संबंध में कार्य की अधिकता तथा बड़ी संख्या में युवा पासपोर्ट डाक से भेजने के अनुमान के कारण प्रथम चरण की जांच प्रक्रिया का कम्प्यूटीकरण करना पड़ा था । हिन्दी में आकड़ों की प्रविष्टि करने तथा छंटाई करने के लिए कम्प्यूटर प्रोग्रामिंग सुविधा (साफ्टवेयर) उपलब्ध नहीं थी ।

(iii) हिन्दी में ऐसी बढ़ियां संदर्भ पुस्तकें उलपब्ध नहीं है जिनमें प्रश्नोत्तरी का उत्तर देने के लिए अपेक्षित जानकारी व्यापक रूप से निहित हो ।

(ग) फिलहाल, ऐसी कोई प्रतियोगिता अंग्रेजी तथा हिन्दी में आयोजित करने का प्रस्ताव नहीं है ।

Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices

2604. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:
SHRI SHEO KUMAR MISHRA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state whether there is any Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices functioning at present and if not, what are the reasons therefor and what is the machinery to recommend for determine the prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): The Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices is already functioning.

Constitution of a high powered Committee by the Delhi Administration

2605. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Administration had constituted a high powered Committee headed by the Chairman of Housing and Urban Development Corporation, to examine the existing procedure and practices regarding the sanctioning of building plans, grant of completion certificates and suggest means to liberalise them and make them simpler;

(b) whether the Committee has since submitted its report;

(c) if so, what are the salient features thereof; and

(d) if not by when the report of the Committee is likely to be received?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) It may take a few months.

Higher cost for technology supplied by Snam progetti

2606. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:
SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY:
SHRI NARAYAN KAR:
SHRI K. MOHANAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the recent Press Report regarding the World Bank's estimate that technology of Italian Company "Snamprogetti" and its sister concern "Haldor Topsee" which our country has selected for some plants is costing 10 per cent higher than competitive units elsewhere in the world;

(b) whether it is a fact that offers received by the Gujarat State Fertilisers Company for its fertilizer plant of a similar capacity from other renowned USA-Japan based company is cheaper than those accepted by Government based on Italian technology in other parts of the country; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to adopt these technologies which are cheaper and efficient?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI L. PRABHU): (a) and (c) Government has seen such press reports but does not agree with the same. The gas-based fertilizer projects in India cost somewhat higher than similar plants elsewhere in the World because of the following factors--

(i) The projects are located in the backward/undeveloped areas, very remote from the port, which necessitates considerable expenditure on infrastructure development and transportation cost of equipment;

(ii) The indigenous equipment costs are somewhat higher than imported ones, because of present recession in the World Capital Goods Industry;

(iii) The inventory level of spare parts has to be necessarily higher because of longlead required to procure them from foreign sources;

(iv) Higher incidence of local taxes, duties and interest rates;

(v) Fluctuation in the parity rates of exchange;

(vi) Higher costs of steel and cement.

For choosing the technology for the gas-based plants bids were received from all the pre-qualified international engineering consultants. Selection of Snamprogetti for urea technology and of Haldor Topsee and M.W. Kellogg for ammonia technology was made on the basis of technical suitability and the lowest evaluated bids.

(b) Gujarat State Fertilizers Company has yet to evaluate the offers and approach the Government for approval of the foreign collaboration agreement.

12.00 NOON

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now Papers to be Laid on the Table.

I. Report and Accounts (1986-87) of the Indian Institute of Mass Communication, New Delhi and related papers.

II. Statement giving reasons for not laying the Audited Accounts (1986-87) of the Press Council of India within the stipulated period.

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:

(i) (a) Annual Report of the Indian Institute of Mass Communication, New Delhi, for the year 1986-87.

(b) Annual Accounts of the Indian Institute of Mass Communication, New Delhi, for the year 1986-87 and the Auditors' Report thereon.

(c) Review by Government on the working of the Institute.

(d) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) and (b) above. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-5735/88 for (a) to (d)].

(ii) Statement (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for not laying the Audited Accounts of the Press Council of India for the year 1986-87, within the stipulated period. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-5734/88].

Statement indicating the results of market loans floated by the Government in December, 1987 and February, 1988

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): Sir, on behalf of Shri B. K. Gadhvi I beg to lay on the Table a Statement (in English and Hindi) indicating the results of market loans floated by the Government in